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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Keith Froggatt

Application No.: 10/578,890

Filing Date: January 18, 2007

Title: WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM



MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Group Art Unit: 1797

Examiner: LUCAS A. STELLING

Confirmation No.: 5020

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed.
- ☐ _____ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$ 70 ☐ \$ 140 fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are: _____
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$ 405 ☐ \$ 810 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____ on _____ for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:


AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	0	20	0	x \$ 52 (1202)	\$ 0
Independent Claims	0	3	0	x \$ 220 (1201)	0
<input type="checkbox"/> If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$ 390 (1203)					\$ 0
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0

- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to credit card for the fee due. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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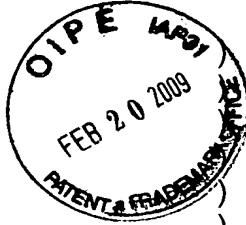
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Restriction Requirement of January 23, 2009, has been carefully reviewed, and in view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the Restriction Requirement mailed January 23, 2009, the Examiner identified three inventions forming three groups, from which restriction to a single group was required.

In response to this Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the invention of Group 1, *i.e.*, claims 46-49, drawn to a water distribution system, without traverse. As noted by the Examiner, claims 40-45 also appear to be generic to the elected invention and thus claims 40-49 are presented for examination.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is earnestly solicited.